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SUBJECT: GERMAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE AND TURKEY

REF: BONN 14951

, FRG AMBASSADOR CALLED ON DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL
SEPTEMBER 20 TO INFORM THE SECRETARY THAT THE GERMAN
SECURITY COUNCIL WILL MEET ON SEPTEMBER 23 TO CONSIDER
MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY AND GREECE. THE AMBASSADOR
REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.

2. SPECIFICALLY, HE SAID THAT THE FRG HAD POSTPONED
SIGNING THE NEXT TRANCHE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY
BECAUSE OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS. HE SAID THAT THIS TRANCHE
WAS SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS ONES WHICH EXTEND BACK TO 1963.
IT IS FOR 18 MONTHS, HAS A VALUE OF 100 MILLION DM AND
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CONSISTS OF 80 PERCENT OF NEW MATERIEL AND 20 PERCENT

SURPLUS. THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO SIGN THE TRANCHE, BUT BEFORE DOING SO, WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1) HAS US MILITARY AID TO TURKEY BEEN INTERRUPTED; AND
2) HAS THE US REQUESTED AND RECEIVED ANY GUARANTEES FROM TURKEY TO THE EFFECT THAT THE ASSISTANCE RECEIVED WILL NOT BE USED IN ANY WAY WHICH CONFLICTS WITH US POLICIES?

3. THE AMBASSADOR FURTHER STATED THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE GREEK GOVERNMENT AT THE SAME TIME IT SIGNS THE TRANCHE FOR TURKEY THAT IN PRINCIPLE IT IS READY TO RESUME MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE, WITH ACTUAL DELIVERIES TO BEGIN IN 1975. HE REQUESTED USG VIEWS.

4. ON SEPTEMBER 21 THE DEPARTMENT INFORMED THE GERMAN EMBASSY THAT: 1) US ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY AS NOT BEEN INTERRUPTED. THIS ASSISTANCE IS EXTENDED TO TURKEY PURSUANT TO A MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT OF JULY 12, 1947, WHICH SPECIFIES THAT THE ASSISTANCE IS TO BE USED TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL SECURITY AND FOR THE DEFENSE OF TURKEY IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGIONAL AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS. IN ADDITION, TURKEY AGREES NOT TO USE WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE US ANY ARTICLE FURNISHED BY THE US FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT FOR WHICH THE ARTICLE WAS FURNISHED. EVERY FMS CONTRACT CONTAINS SUCH A CLAUSE. 2) WITH REFERENCE TO ASSISTANCE FOR GREECE: WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE FRG INFORMING THE GOG THAT IT IS PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO RESUME A MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WITH ACTUAL DELIVERIES TO BEGIN IN 1975. HOWEVER, WE HOPE THE FRG WILL CONTINUE TO IMPRESS UPON THE GREEKS THAT WE ARE ALL INTERESTED IN THE COMMON DEFENSE, AND IT IS IN THAT CONTEXT AND TO HELP ACHIEVE THAT GOAL THAT INDIVIDUAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO THE GOG ARE ENVISIONED. KISSINGER

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